

Minutes of the Town of Farmington
Regular Town Council Meeting September 13, 2022
Held in Person and by Zoom Webinar Meeting

Attending:

C. J. Thomas, Chair
Rafeena Bacchus-Lee
Joe Capodiferro
Johnny Carrier
Brian F. X. Connolly
Edward Giannaros
Keith Vibert

Kathy Blonski, Town Manager
Maureen Frink, Clerk

A. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Council and members of the public recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Presentations and Recognitions

1. Eagle Scout – Jack Amaral

Jack Amaral was not in attendance.

2. Presentation from CRCOG/SLR Consulting – Route Connectivity Study
(Third Bridge Crossing)

Russ Arnold, Director of Public Works & Town Engineer, discussed the Route 4 Connectivity Study, the precursor to the third bridge project for Farmington. Mr. Arnold introduced Roger Krahn of CRCOG and Kwesi Brown of SLR, and gave a brief overview. The overview included: decreased traffic volume in both Unionville and Farmington, designated turning lanes, river access, and is both locally and regionally beneficial.

Mr. Krahn, Project Manager, reported that CRCOG has done this study with funding from CT DOT. He stated the study is conducted with Planning Study Tasks: Public Outreach and Stakeholder Engagement; Traffic Analysis; Intersection Preliminary Concepts, and Purpose and Needs Statements. A Public Informational Meeting will take place – TBD.

Mr. Brown, Manager of Transportation and Engineering with SLR, stated the study included extensive data collection, existing conditions analysis from a

traffic standpoint, and future conditions analysis and future projections to the year 2050. The results show a shift in traffic patterns and an overall benefit. Mr. Brown reported the next steps as Development Alternatives for New Britain Avenue and Farmington Avenue, a Purpose and Needs Statement to identify the benefits of this new bridge, which is improved connectivity locally and regionally, and reduced congestion in Unionville and Farmington centers. He stated that emergency response is key, having the police station on New Britain Avenue and having this connection to this side of the river to quickly respond to emergencies. Also key is pedestrian and bicyclist connectivity and transit improvements. Mr. Brown is hoping to have a public meeting in November where they will present the findings to the public and in December have a final study report.

Russ Arnold, Roger Krahn, and Kwesi Brown answered questions from the Council. The Council thanked everyone for the presentation. Mr. Arnold thanked Mr. Krahn and Mr. Brown as well.

D. Public Hearing

There was no Public Hearing held

E. New Items

There was no New Items added to the Agenda

F. Public Comments

Mr. Tim Kelly, 62 Westview Terrace, stated the bridge presentation tremendous and it was nice to see the bridge project moving forward. Mr. Kelly inquired about traffic lights/stop signs at the bridge intersections and the expense of doing so. He also expressed concern of commuters using some of the residential roads as a “cut-through” and he is interested to see what the traffic impact study shows.

Mr. Andre Simons, 86 Helm Drive, expressed concerns over the town not providing sidewalks in some of the busier location in Farmington. He stated he is involved with the deaf community and states its difficult for these individuals to take walks and to avoid the cars. He states it is critical and offered funding avenues that the town could possibly take advantage of.

Ms. Doreen Simons, 86 Helm Drive, would like to safely walk for her health. She states she feels she has a right to access and should be able to walk in her neighborhood conveniently. Ms. Simons states the white lines painted on the roadway are too narrow for walking and she has been almost hit several times. She looks forward to her right to accessibility.

Mr. Mike Demicco, 6 Deborah Lane, State Representative 21st District, stated he would like to give a brief legislative perspective regarding the Parsons property, which is listed is on the Town Managers report on today’s agenda. Rep. Demicco reported he

and his legislative colleagues have introduced three different pieces of legislation over the last several years, one in 2015, one in 2019, and another in 2021. He stated he will, again, in 2023 if needed.

Portia Corbett, 11 & 21 Mountain Spring Rd., reports we, on behalf of the Farmington Historical Society, have been dealing with this since 2015 (*Ms. Corbett is referencing the Parsons Property*). Ms. Corbett stated she would like to know what is going on and asked the following questions: When it was repealed, what was the direction at that time? Who did it come from? What should have been done at that point? What happened in the last year? What do you do now? She expressed their frustration as all they do is for the town and they are a non-profit, and they've now lost another year and another \$2,000.00.

The Council and Town Manager had a discussion with Rep. Demicco regarding the Parsons property. Ms. Blonski explained some of the processes that took place over the years. She stated in July, 2022 she met with the Deputy Commissioner of DOT where she was told that they were told in error that they could convey the property to the town through administrative process. Ms. Blonski was told the town could go through the legislative process again. Rep. Demicco stated if it required legislation then it will happen starting January 2023; if there is another way, he would be happy to try to find out.

G. Reading of the Minutes

1. July 12, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made and seconded (Capodiferro/Vibert) to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting.

Adopted unanimously

H. Reading of Communications and Written Appeals

There were no communications and written appeals

I. Report of the Committees

1. 1928 Building Committee

Mr. Capodiferro reported that the Committee is taking shape to come back to the Council and redeveloping the charge.

2. Farmington High School Building Committee

Mr. Carrier reported that the Committee has reviewed and discussed interior colors and materials. Mr. Carrier stated that the bids have all gone out by August 31 and should be receiving them all within the next month. The early enabling package is

complete. All the information can be found at www.fhsbuildingproject.org. The next meeting is September 14 at 5 p.m.

3. Green Efforts Committee

Mr. Carrier reported that they continue to have discussion on the anti-idling and the signs being implemented at the school for school drop-off and they've made headway on the EV charger which will be installed at the Staples House and they are waiting for the final cost. Discussion is starting on native lawns which are popping up in town. The next meeting is October 4, 2022.

4. Land Acquisition Committee

There was no report for Agenda Item I-4

5. Racial Equality Taskforce

Mr. Capodiferro reported that there will be a new community conversation series which is entitled "I'm a Good Person, Isn't That Enough?" with speaker Debbie Irving on September 28 at 6 p.m. The next meeting is on September 26, 6:30 p.m.

J. Report of the Council Chair and Liaisons

1. Chair

The Chair reported there has been many discussions on sidewalks and they are in the processes of completing the Main St. project. He reports they've been discussing at what point to they need to review the Sidewalk Code. The Chair stated he appreciated the public coming to the meeting to discuss the sidewalks in town. He also reported that the third bridge presentation is not just about traffic, but about safety as well. He reported the following events: Unionville Museum is presenting the History of Transportation through September 25; the Main Library, on 9/14 at 6:30 p.m., is having the History of Blues; Farmington Polo Club has a full calendar and their website to see it; the Rotary 5K will take place on September 25 at 9 a.m.

2. Conservation and Inland Wetlands

Ms. Bacchus-Lee reported that the Inland Wetlands had a public hearing regarding Bulwark, LLC lots 8120 & 8122 Colt Highway to construct a self-storage facility. The public hearing was continued to September 21. The Commission unanimously approved a homeowner's application; and, there was determination of removal of invasive plants.

3. Board of Education Liaison

Ms. Bacchus-Lee reported that the first meeting of the school year is September 19, at 7:00 p.m. at FHS. She reported that there were some administrative personnel changes over the summer.

4. Bicycle and Trails Advisory Committee

Mr. Thomas reported that there is a meeting on 9/14/2022.

5. Economic Development Commission Liaison

Mr. Giannaros reported that on October 13 the EDC is hosting an in-person business breakfast event featuring Liz Shapiro, Director of Arts Preservation and Museums.

6. Farmington Historic District Commission

Mr. Connelly reported that the next meeting is on September 20 at 5:00 p.m.

7. Housing Authority

Mr. Carrier reported that the Housing Authority has seen an uptick in fair rent housing meetings.

8. Human Relations Commission

Ms. Bacchus-Lee reported that the Commission had an informative presentation by representatives from CHRO. She also reported that disability registration is next week; and human rights day is December 10. Ms. Bacchus-Lee stated anyone interested in joining the next meeting should check the calendar for the meeting date.

9. Library Board

There was no report for Agenda Item J-9

10. Town Plan and Zoning Liaison

Mr. Vibert reported on the proposed 11-lot subdivision on 169 Coppermine Road, with a big turnout of neighboring residents with concern. The next meeting is September 27, 2022.

11. Unionville Historic District Commission

Mr. Giannaros reported that the Commission approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for a chain-link fence and reviewed the 75 South Main St. Wayfinder Signage proposal in Unionville. The next meeting is on October 6 at 7 p.m.

12. Unionville Village Improvement Association Liaison

There was no report for Agenda Item J-12.

13. Water Pollution Control Authority

Mr. Capodiferro reported that the next meeting is September 14 at 7 p.m.

14. Other Liaisons

There were no reports for Agenda Item J-14

K. Report of the Town Manager

a. Parsons Property Update

Ms. Blonski reported that the Parsons Property Update was already discussed at tonight's meeting.

b. September 27, 2022 Town Council Meeting Update

Ms. Blonski reported that the September 27 meeting will focus on the 1928 Building Committee. Topics will include the review and scope and charge of the Building Committee, timeline of the project, and communication plans. The Committee will come with the architect and looking to review the scope of the project.

c. 2022 STEAP Grant Update

Ms. Blonski stated she applied for the STEAP Grant for \$500,000.00 to install a splash park and four pickleball courts at Westwoods Drive.

Motion was made and seconded (Capodiferro/Vibert) to accept the report of the Town Manager, attached as Agenda Item K.

Adopted unanimously

L. Appointments

1. Building Code Board of Appeals (Santos)

Motion was made and seconded (Capodiferro/Vibert) that George Santos be appointed to the Building Code Board of Appeals for a five-year term beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2027.

Adopted unanimously

2. Building Code Board of Appeals (Statchen)

There was no action taken on Agenda Item L-2

3. Conservation & Inland Wetlands Commission (Hannon)

Motion was made and seconded (Bacchus-Lee/Giannaros) that Robert Hannon be appointed to the Conservation & Inland Wetlands Commission for a four-year term beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2026.

Adopted unanimously

4. Conservation & Inland Wetlands Commission (Statchen)

Motion was made and seconded (Capodiferro/Vibert) that Ned Statchen be appointed to the Conservation & Inland Wetlands Commission for a four-year term beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2026.

Adopted unanimously

5. Democratic Registrar of Voters (Brenneman)

Motion was made and seconded (Capodiferro/Vibert) that Mary-Jane Parlow be appointed to the Democratic Registrar of Voters for a balance of a two-year term beginning immediately and ending January 4, 2023.

Adopted unanimously

6. Economic Development Commission (Chabot)

Motion was made and seconded (Capodiferro/Vibert) that Phil Chabot be appointed to the Economic Development Commission for a two-year term beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2024.

Adopted unanimously

7. Economic Development Commission (Hua)

Motion was made and seconded (Capodiferro/Vibert) that Warren Hua be appointed to the Economic Development Commission for a two-year term beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2024.

Adopted unanimously

8. Economic Development Commission (Ramchandani)

Motion was made and seconded (Capodiferro/Vibert) that Peter Ramchandani be appointed to the Economic Development Commission for a two-year term beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2024.

Adopted unanimously

9. Economic Development Commission (Philips)

Motion was made and seconded (Capodiferro/Vibert) that Thomas Hyde be appointed to the Economic Development Commission for the balance of a two-year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2023.

Ms. Bacchus-Lee spoke highly of Mr. Hyde stating he will bring a wealth of experience to the committee.

Adopted unanimously

10. Farmington Historic District Commission (Phelan)

Motion was made and seconded (Capodiferro/Vibert) that Michele Phelan be appointed to the Farmington Historic District Commission for a five-year term beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2027.

Adopted unanimously

11. Farmington Historic District Commission (Honeyman)

Motion was made and seconded (Capodiferro/Vibert) that Joanne Larson be appointed to the Farmington Historic District Commission for a five-year term beginning October 19, 2022 and ending September 30, 2026.

Adopted unanimously

12. Greater Hartford Transit District (Fitzgerald)

13. Green Efforts Commission (Boye-Williams)

14. Green Efforts Commission (Whitcomb)

There was no action taken on Agenda Items L-12 through L-14.

15. Housing Authority (Hoheb)

Motion was made and seconded (Capodiferro/Vibert) that Christian Hoheb be appointed to the Housing Authority for a five-year term beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2027.

Adopted unanimously

16. Plainville Area Cable TV Advisory Council (Bernier)

17. Retirement Board (Wlodkowski)

There was no action taken on Agenda Items L-16 through L-17.

18. Retirement Board (Ziebka)

Motion was made and seconded (Capodiferro/Vibert) that Talia Stigliano be appointed as a member of the Retirement Board for the balance of a two-year term beginning immediately and ending January, 2024.

Adopted unanimously

19. Unionville Historic District & Properties Commission - **Alternate** (Marsh)

20. Unionville Historic District & Properties Commission - **Alternate** (Ross)

21. Unionville Historic District & Properties Commission (Martin)

There was no action taken on Agenda Items L-19 through L-21.

22. Unionville Historic District & Properties Commission (Wuelfing)

Motion was made and seconded (Capodiferro/Vibert) that Ann Wuelfing be appointed to the Unionville Historic District & Properties Commission for a five-year term beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2027.

Adopted unanimously

23. Unionville Historic District & Properties Commission (Marsh)

Motion was made and seconded (Capodiferro/Vibert) that Barbara Marsh be appointed to the Unionville Historic District & Properties Commission for a five-year term beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2027.

Adopted unanimously

24. Water Pollution Control Authority (Ray)

Motion was made and seconded (Capodiferro/Vibert) that Kevin Ray be appointed to the Water Pollution Control Authority for a five-year term beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2027.

Adopted unanimously

25. 1928 Building Committee (Bowman)

Motion was made and seconded (Capodiferro/Vibert) that Scott Hurwitz be appointed to the Farmington Building Committee with an indefinite term effective immediately.

Adopted unanimously

M. Old Business

There was no Old Business conducted

N. New Business

1. To accept the CRCOG/SLR Consulting – Route 4 Connectivity Study (Third Bridge Crossing) as presented.

Motion was made and seconded (Capodiferro/Vibert) to accept the CRCOG/SLR Consulting – Route 4 Connectivity Study (Third Bridge Crossing) as presented, which includes the location of the third bridge, and the improvements to the Route 4 approaches, and to direct the Director of Public Works/Town Engineer to continue to work with CRCOG and all other appropriate agencies to advance this bridge project to construction, attached as Agenda Item N-1.

Adopted unanimously

2. To approve the municipal opt-out for accessory apartments in accordance with Connecticut General Statute Section 8-2 o.

Motion was made and seconded (Capodiferro/Vibert) to approve the municipal opt-out for accessory apartments in accordance with Connecticut General Statute Section 8-2 o, attached as Agenda Item N-2.

Shannon Rutherford, Town Planner, reported on the above motion and the public hearing held on June 6, 2022 unanimously approving the opting out. Ms. Rutherford answered questions from the Council.

Adopted unanimously

3. To approve the municipal opt-out for dwelling unit parking space limitations in accordance with Connecticut General Statute Section 8-2p.

Motion was made and seconded (Capodiferro/Vibert) to approve the municipal opt-out for dwelling unit parking space limitations in accordance with Connecticut General Statute Section 8-2p, attached as Agenda Item N-3.

Shannon Rutherford, Town Planner, reviewed the CGS Sec. 8-2p regarding the number of parking spaces for multi-family housing. Ms. Rutherford answered questions from the Council.

Adopted unanimously

4. That Section 55-1 of the Town Code of Ordinances be waived and that Hinding Tennis, LLC of West Haven, CT be awarded a contract to repair the tennis courts at Irving A. Robbins Middle School at a cost not to exceed \$53,000.

Motion was made and seconded (Capodiferro/Vibert) that Section 55-1 of the Town Code of Ordinances be waived and that Hinding Tennis, LLC of West Haven, CT be awarded a contract to repair the tennis courts at Irving A. Robbins Middle School at a cost not to exceed \$53,000, attached as Agenda Item N-4.

Adopted unanimously

5. To Award Bid # 318, "Brickyard Road Reconstruction Phase II" to Waters Construction Company, Inc., of Bridgeport, CT at a contract cost of \$711,472.75 subject to Connecticut Department of Transportation, CRCOG and CHRO review and approval.

Motion was made and seconded (Capodiferro/Vibert) to Award Bid # 318, "Brickyard Road Reconstruction Phase II" to Waters Construction Company, Inc., of Bridgeport, CT at a contract cost of \$711,472.75 subject to Connecticut Department of Transportation, CRCOG and CHRO review and approval, attached as Agenda Item N-5.

Kathy Blonski, Town Manager, stated that this project is one hundred percent funded by grant funds and thanked Russ Arnold for applying and getting the grant.

Adopted unanimously

6. To award Bid # 322, Sanitary Sewer Pipe to The Jack Farrelly Company of Bloomfield, CT at a purchase price of \$171.09 per lineal foot.

Motion was made and seconded (Capodiferro/Vibert) to award Bid # 322, Sanitary Sewer Pipe to The Jack Farrelly Company of Bloomfield, CT at a purchase price of \$171.09 per lineal foot, attached as Agenda Item N-6.

Russ Arnold answered questions from the Council.

Adopted unanimously

7. That the following appropriation transfers be made from and to the accounts listed in the FY2021/2022 General Fund Budget.

Motion was made and seconded (Capodiferro/Vibert) that the following appropriation transfers be made from and to the accounts listed in the FY2021/2022 General Fund Budget attached as Agenda Item at N-7.

Adopted unanimously

8. That \$75,000 be transferred from the Capital Outlay account in the FY2021/2022 Adopted Budget to the 1928 Building Planning and Design account in the Capital Projects Fund for expenses related to the work of the 1928 Building Committee.

Motion was made and seconded (Capodiferro/Vibert) that \$75,000 be transferred from the Capital Outlay account in the FY2021/2022 Adopted Budget to the 1928 Building Planning and Design account in the Capital Projects Fund for expenses related to the work of the 1928 Building Committee, attached as Agenda Item N-8.

Adopted unanimously

9. To cancel the November 8, 2022 Town Council meeting and to set a Regular Town Council Meeting on November 15, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

Motion was made and seconded (Capodiferro/Vibert) to cancel the November 8, 2022 Town Council meeting and to set a Regular Town Council Meeting on November 15, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

Adopted unanimously

10. To approve property tax refunds.

Motion was made and seconded (Capodiferro/Vibert) to cancel the November 8, 2022 Town Council meeting and to set a Regular Town Council Meeting on November 15, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Council Chambers, attached as Agenda Item N-10.

Adopted unanimously

O. Executive Session

1. Land Acquisition

Motion was made and seconded (Capodiferro/Vibert) move to Executive Session at 9:03 p.m. to discuss matters concerning the sale or acquisition of real property. To adjourn the meeting to executive session as permitted by Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-225 (a) for the following purposes as allowed by Section 1- 200(6),

that is discussion of the selection of a site or the lease, sale or purchase of real estate by a political subdivision of the state when publicity regarding such site, lease, sale, purchase or construction would cause a likelihood of increased price until such time as all of the property has been acquired or all proceedings or transactions concerning same have been terminated or abandoned;

That attendance in the Executive Session shall be limited to:

Members of the Town Council

Town Manager

Director of Public Works/Town Engineer

Adopted unanimously

The Council returned to Open Session at 9:29 p.m.

P. New Business

11. To set a public hearing on October 11, 2022 at 7:05 p.m. in the Town Hall- Council Chambers on the purchase of property owned by Kathleen Binkowski and Patrick J. Murray located at 1535 Farmington Avenue. (.37 acres) and 1541 Farmington Avenue (1.09 acres) for a total price of \$780,000.00.

Motion was made and seconded (Capodiferro/Vibert) to set a public hearing on October 11, 2022 at 7:05 p.m. in the Town Hall- Council Chambers on the purchase of property owned by Kathleen Binkowski and Patrick J. Murray located at 1535 Farmington Avenue. (.37 acres) and 1541 Farmington Avenue (1.09 acres) for a total price of \$780,000.00, attached as Agenda Item N-11.

Kathy Blonski explained the recommendation to purchase these properties for the Public Hearing.

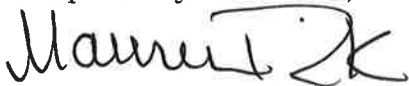
Adopted unanimously

P. Adjournment

Motion was made and seconded (Capodiferro/Vibert) to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 p.m.

Adopted unanimously

Respectfully submitted,



Maureen Frink, Clerk

MOTION:

Agenda Item K

Report of the Town Manager

- a. Parsons Property Update
- b. September 27, 2022 Town Council Meeting Update
- c. 2022 STEAP Grant Update

a. Parsons Property Update

Background:

On November 6, 2020, the Town requested that the State of Connecticut transfer ownership of the Parson's Property to the Town of Farmington to be used as modified open space, rather than for economic development. We stated that the Town would use the property as a Gateway into Farmington Center. On the property there would be a welcome sign, a small parking lot, and an access to the Farmington Historical Society's proposed welcome center on Mountain Spring Road. The Town also stated that it could potentially erect an additional historic structure in the future.

On November 17, 2020, we received written notice from the Department of Transportation confirming that it was the Town's intent to use the property as modified open space. The DOT recommended that the Town request that Special Act No. 15-1 Section 3 be repealed. They stated that once it was repealed the DOT would proceed in conveying the property to the Town of Farmington for \$1000 for modified open space. The letter also stated that the DOT and the Town would work collectively on the deed language.

Based on the direction from the DOT, in May 2021, I testified to the Government Administrative and Elections Committee to voice my support of HB 66-76; to repeal the prior conveyance authorization. On July 13, 2021, the Special Act was signed which included the repeal of the prior authorization.

From July 2021 until July 2022 the process to convey the land to the Town was moving through the State of Connecticut's internal process. It was the Town's understanding that the conveyance of the Parsons land to the Town would occur after the State's internal process was complete. The Town provided information to the DOT as requested and I followed up with the DOT numerous times throughout this period requesting updates and timelines for completion.

In late July 2022, I received a request from Deputy Commissioner Rolfe of the Department of Transportation to convene a meeting concerning the Parson Property Conveyance from the State of Connecticut. On July 28, 2022, C.J. Thomas and I met with Deputy Commissioner Rolfe. At that meeting the Town was informed that

the DOT was not permitted to convey the Parson Property to the Town of Farmington through an internal transfer process. We were advised that we would need to go through the legislative process to request that the property be conveyed to the Town of Farmington.

The next legislative session begins in January of 2023. I would suggest that the Town Council review past Town Council action items on this topic and determine our next steps at a future meeting.

b. September 27, 2022 Town Council Meeting Update

The second Town Council meetings of each month are usually reserved for workshops. The September 27th meeting will focus on the 1928 Building Committee. Topics of discussion will include, but are not limited to the following:

- Review of Scope and Charge of the Building Committee
- Timeline of the Project
- Communication Plans

c. 2022 STEAP Grant Update

In August, the Town submitted an application for the 2022 STEAP Grant. We have requested \$500,000 in funding to install a Splash Pad and four pickleball courts at Westwoods Drive. Other proposed improvements to the area include an expanded parking lot and the installation of bathrooms on the site. The proposed location for this project is directly in front of Westwoods Golf Course, which is owned and operated by the Town of Farmington. If the grant is received, it will transform the land at Westwoods Drive into a multi-generational recreational facility to better meet the needs of our residents and enhance the existing facilities.

This grant does not require the Town to provide any matching contributions, however, the total cost of the project is approximately \$985,000. The Town will need to fund the remaining cost of \$485,000. The Town's funding will primarily be used for the expanded parking lot and public bathrooms.

CAPITOL REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FARMINGTON AREA CONNECTIVITY STUDY

Presentation to Farmington Town Council

September 13, 2022

PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- Project Background/History

Russell Arnold, Jr., PE

Director/Town Engineer

Town of Farmington

- Planning Study Introduction

Roger Krahn, PE, RSP1

Principal Transportation Engineer

Capitol Region Council of Governments

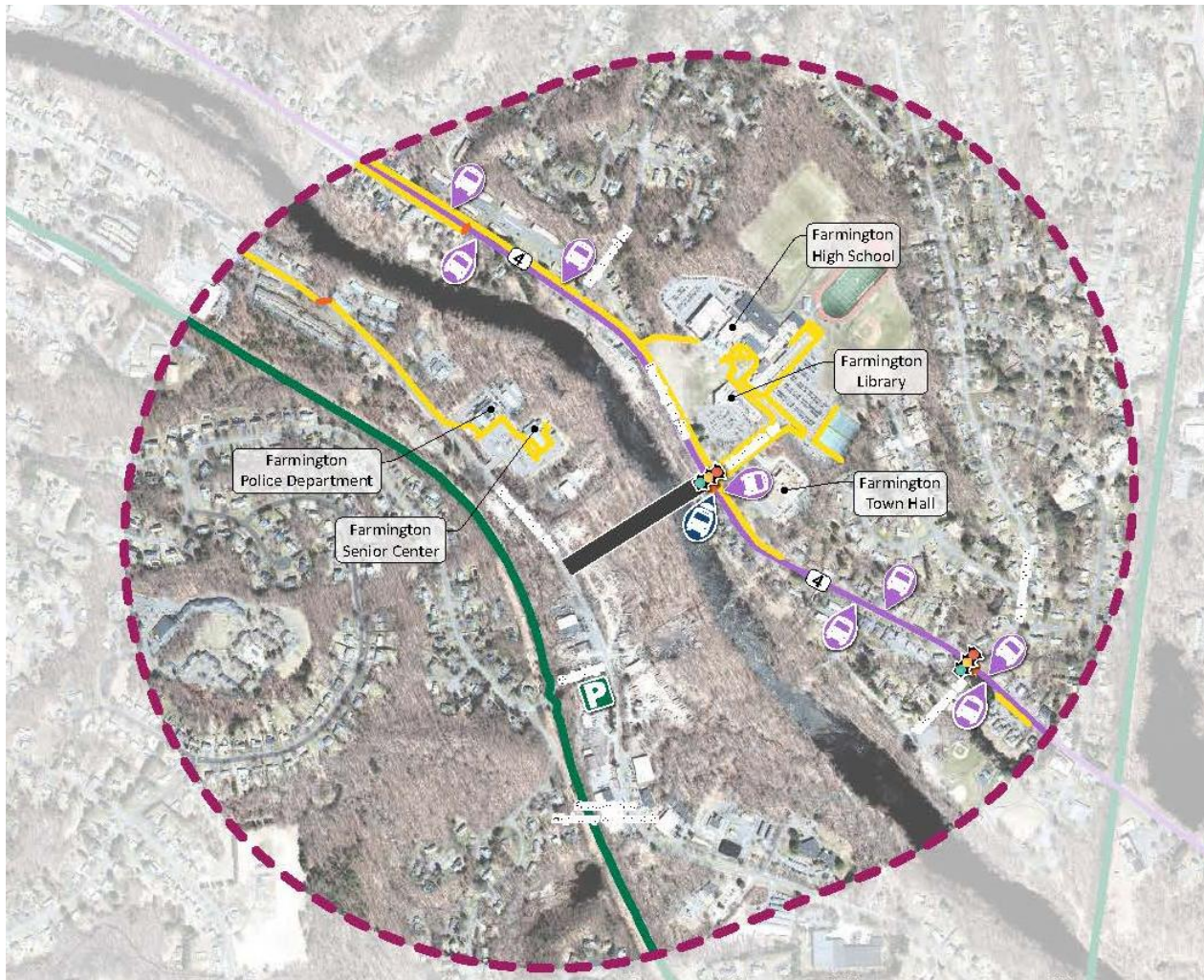
- Planning Study & Progress

Kwesi Brown, PE, PTOE

Manager of Transportation Engineering

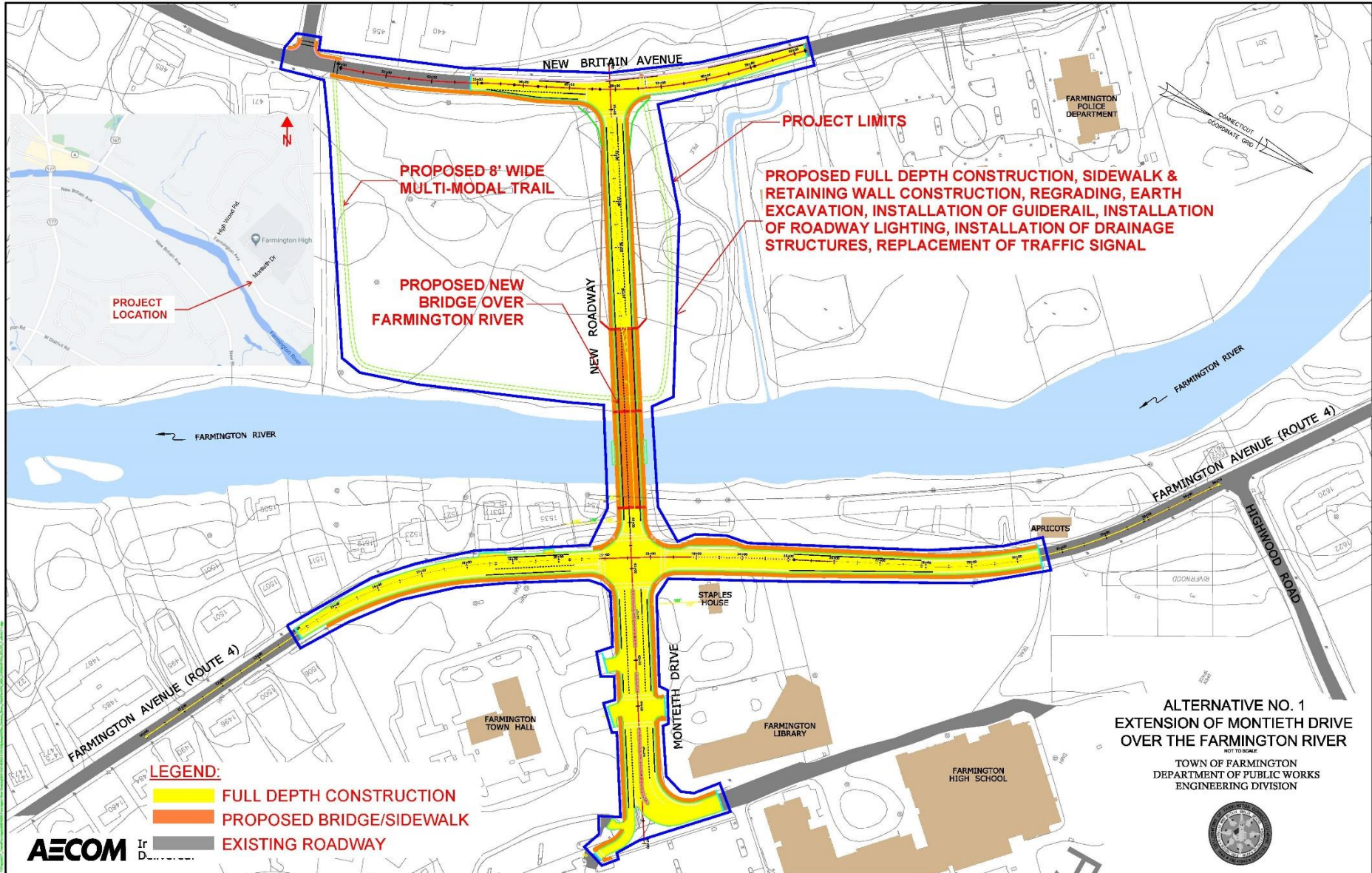
SLR Consulting

LOCATION MAP





Monteith Bridge Rendering- 2018 Concept Plans by AECOM





Monteith Bridge Rendering- 2018 Concept Plans by AECOM

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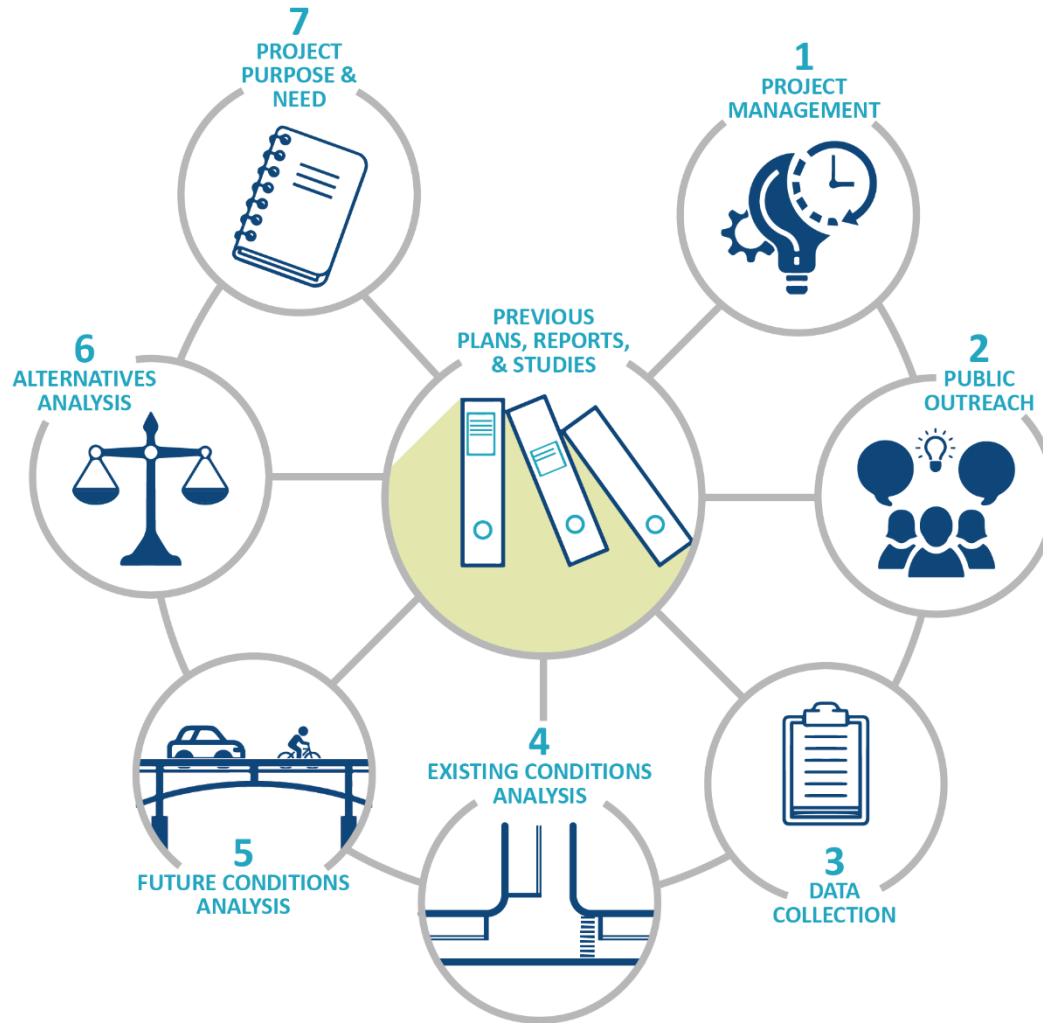
CRCOG PLANNING STUDY TASKS

- Public Outreach & Stakeholder Engagement
- Traffic Analysis
- Intersection Preliminary Concept
 - New Bridge and Farmington Avenue
 - New Bridge and New Britain Avenue
- Develop Purpose & Need Statement
 - National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)/CEPA process

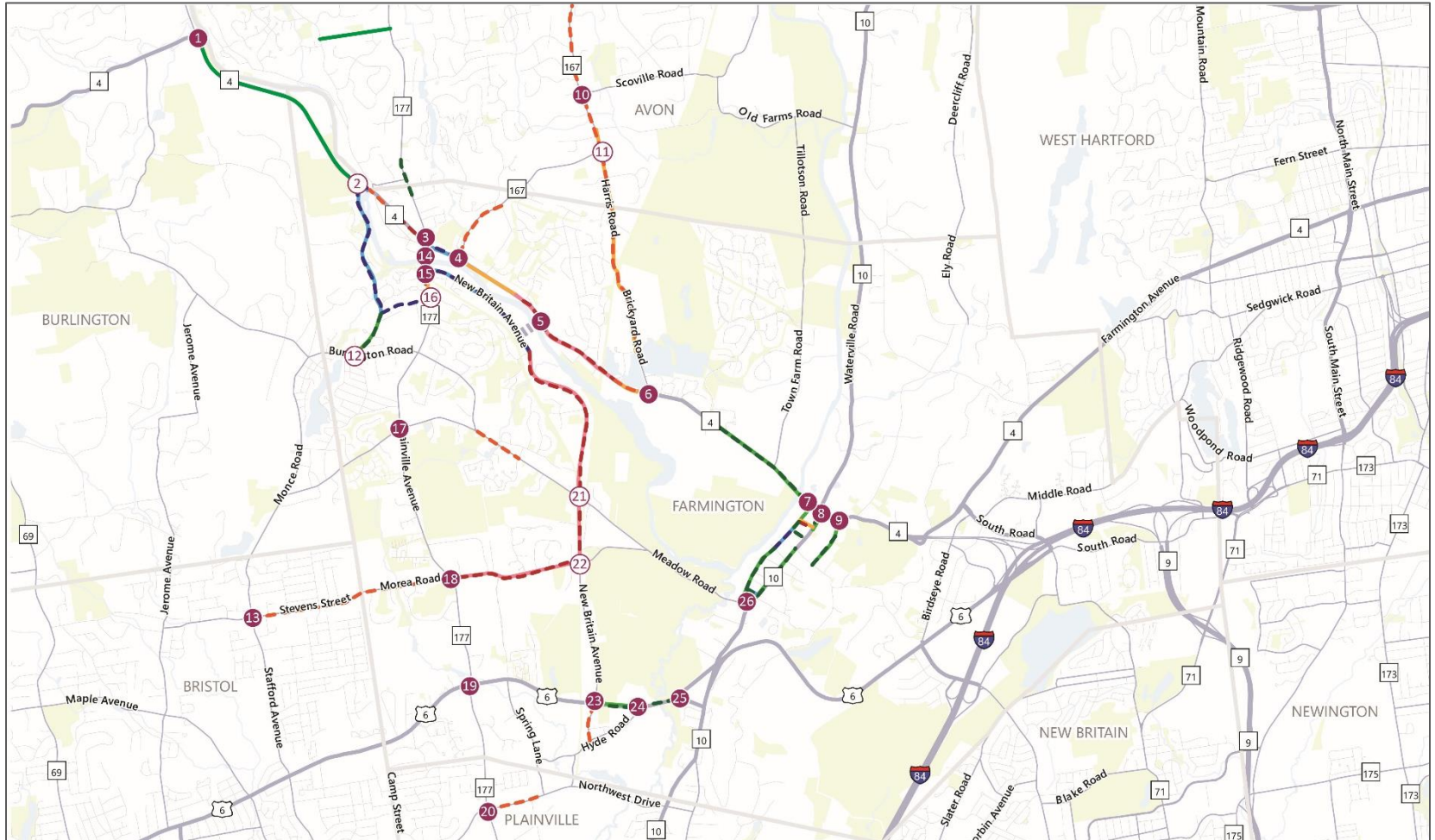
STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

- Town of Farmington (Dec. 15, 2021)
 - Engineering, Board of Education & Emergency Services
- Adjacent Towns Planning and Engineering Staff (Nov. 18, 2021)
- Farmington Environmental – Various Agencies (Dec. 16, 2021)
 - Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook Wild & Scenic Committee
 - National Park Service
 - Farmington River Watershed Association
- CT Transit (Feb. 16, 2022)
- CTDOT Interagency Environmental – Feb. 25, 2022
- Public Informational Meeting- TBD

STUDY APPROACH

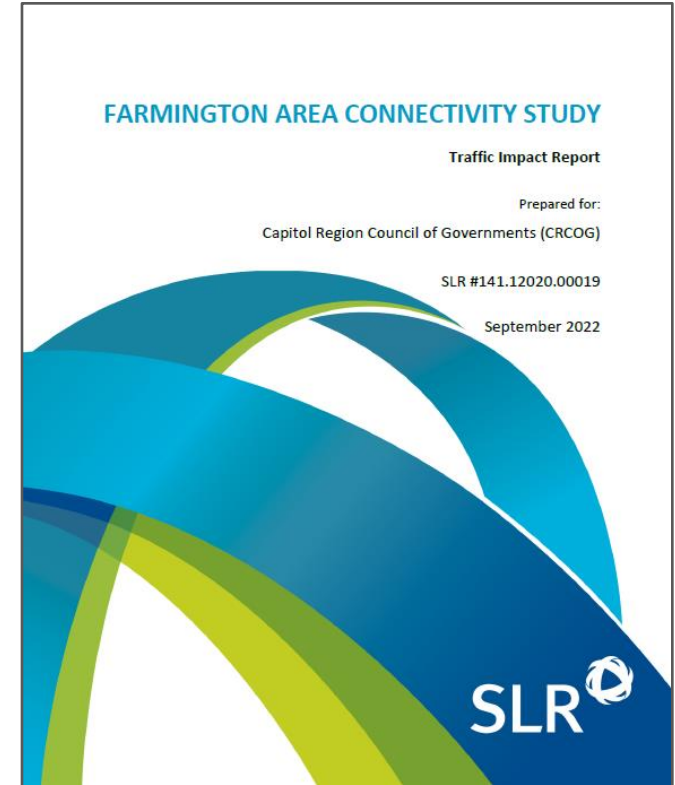


TRAFFIC ANALYSIS- STUDY AREA

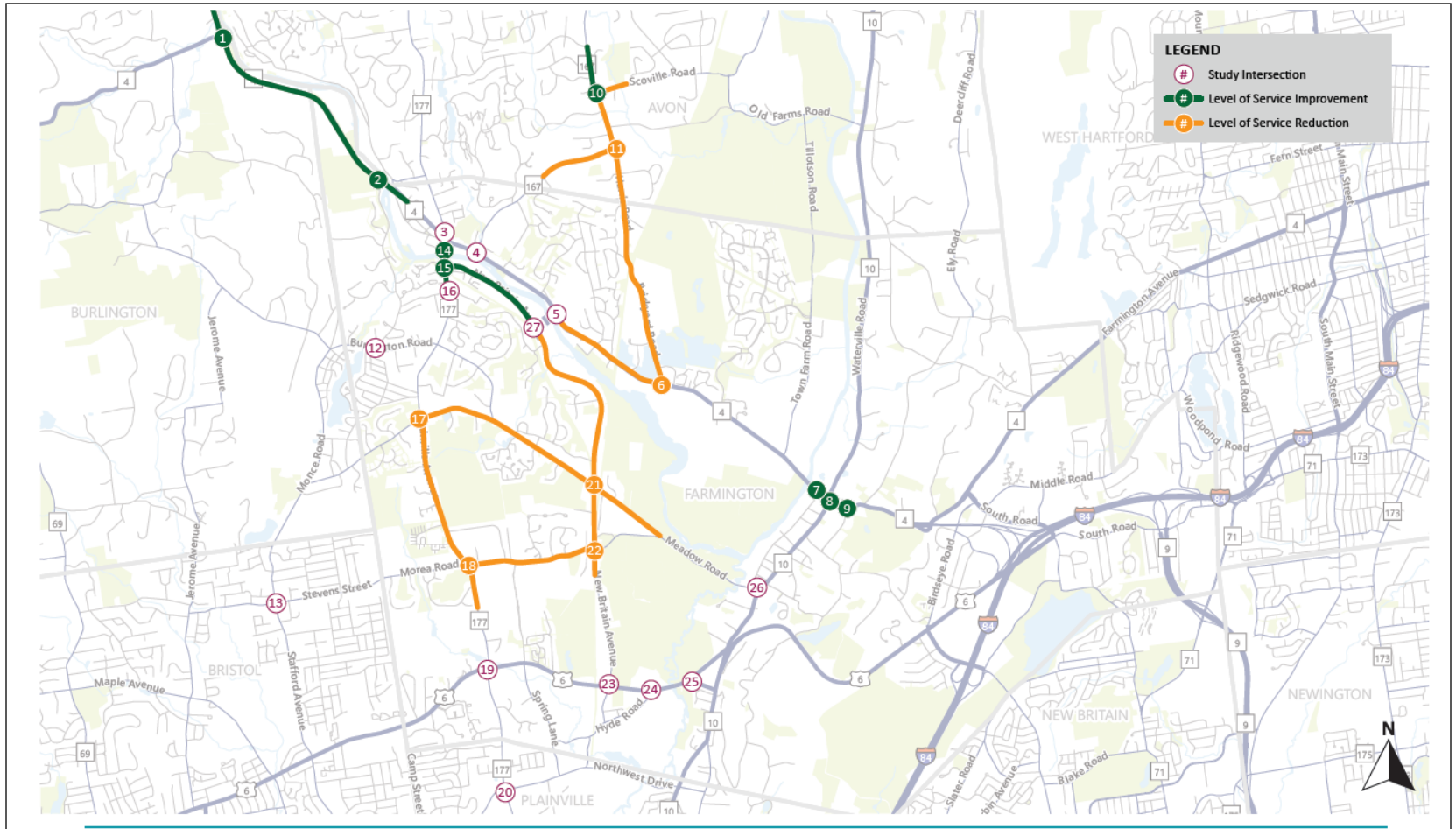


TRAFFIC ANALYSIS – COMPLETED TASKS

- Traffic & Safety data collection
- Existing Conditions Analysis
- Future Conditions
 - No Build, Build, Existing Route 177 Bridge out of Service with New Bridge and without New Bridge



TRAFFIC ANALYSIS - RESULTS



NEXT STEPS

- Development of Alternatives at Connecting Intersections
 - Two Intersections
- Development of Study Project Purpose & Need Statement
 - Vehicle Connectivity (improve Farmington Avenue congestion)
 - Resiliency of Transportation System
 - Emergency Response from Police Station on south side of River
 - Pedestrian and Bicycle Connections
 - Transit Route Improvements

STUDY KEY DATES

- Public Information Meeting – November 2022
- Final Study Report – December 2022

QUESTIONS

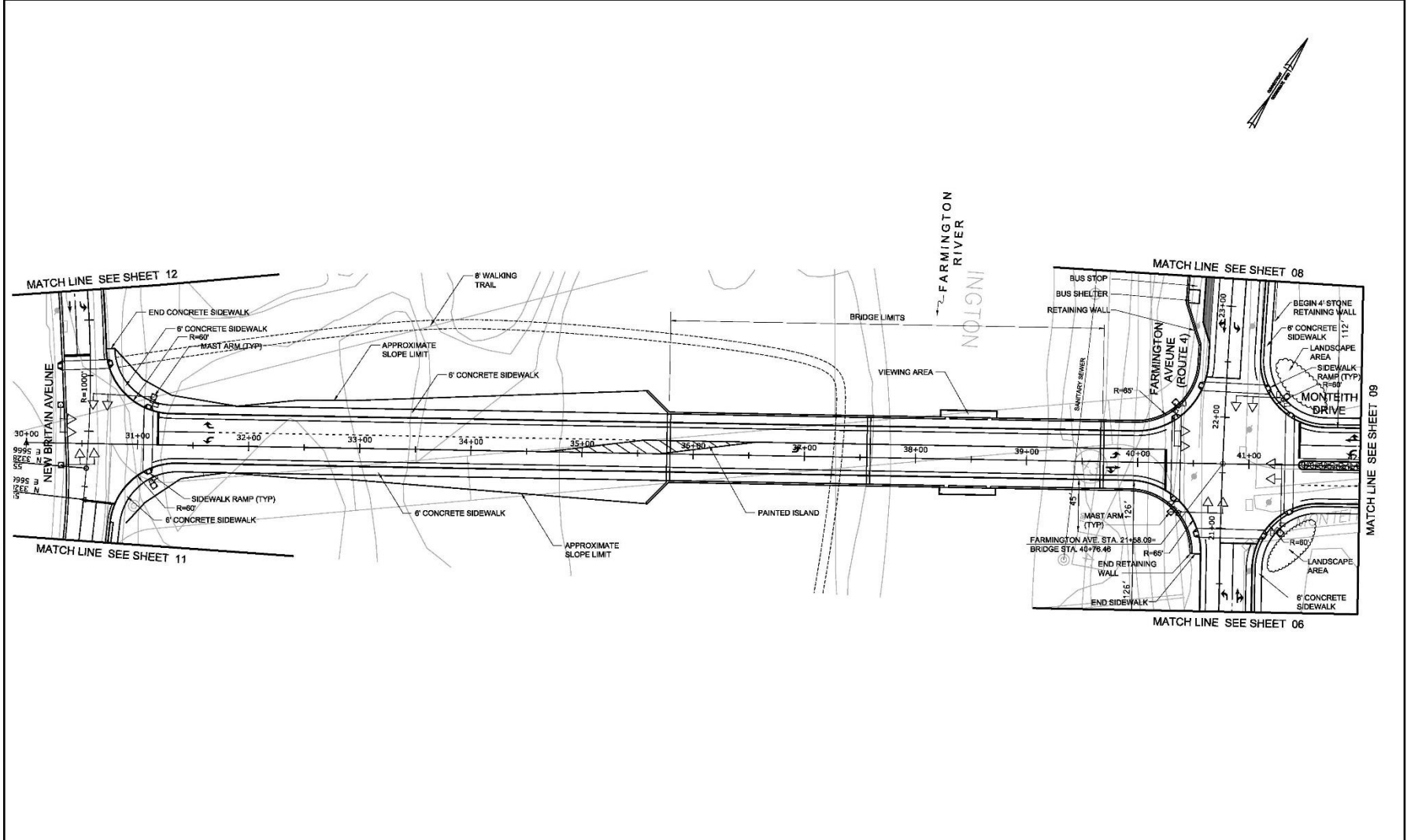


Essential Bridge Types

Two-Span Arch



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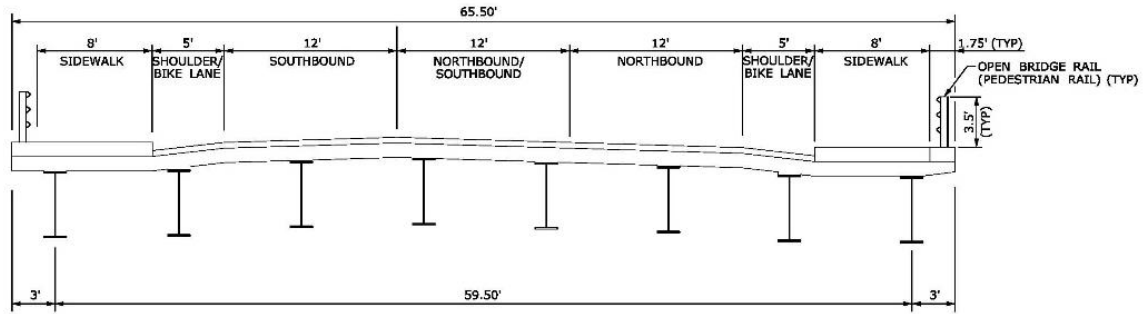
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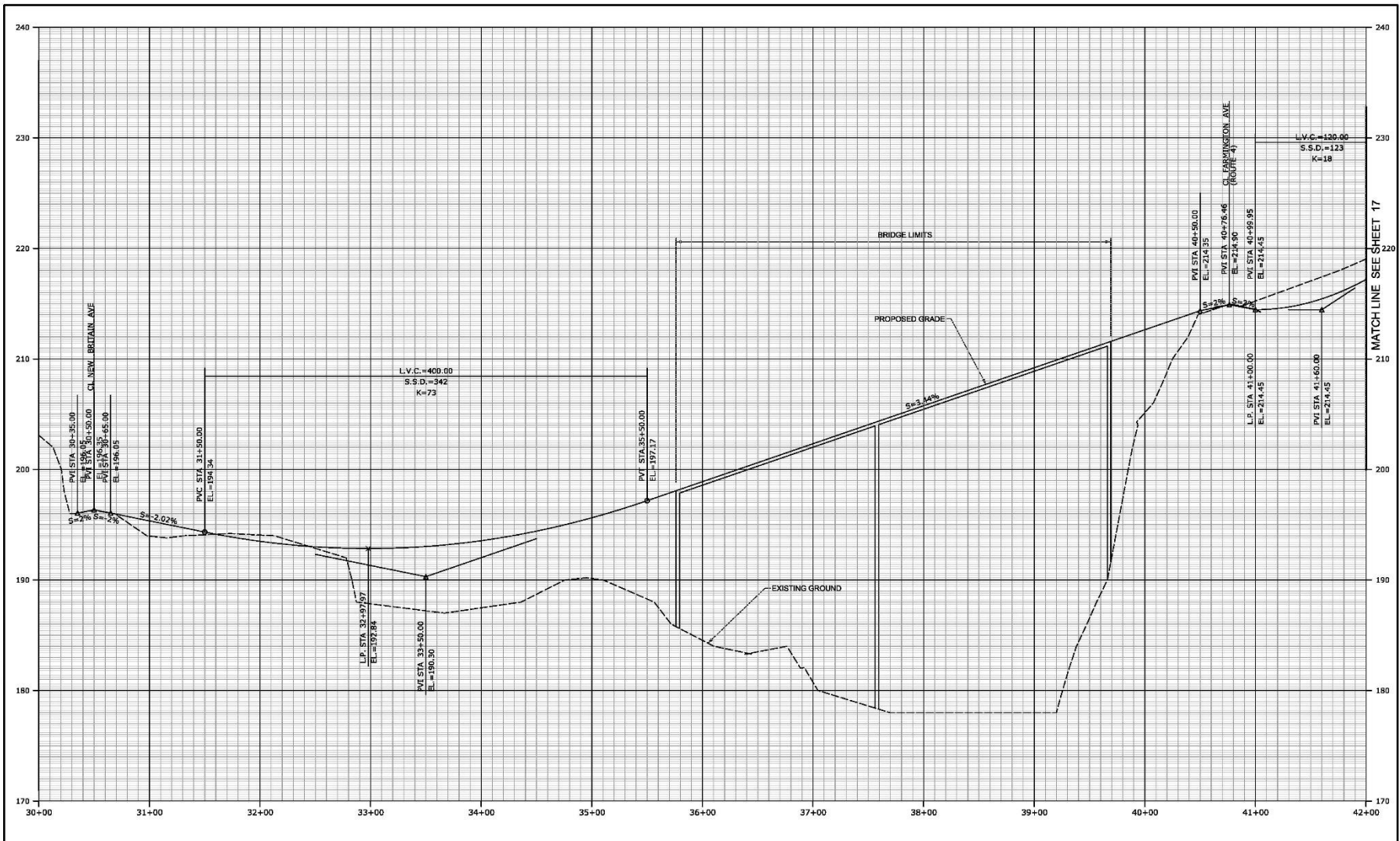
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ENVIRONMENTAL, HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

- Historic Properties
 - No historic or archeological sites in immediate vicinity of the project
 - Construction will fall in areas with archeological potential
 - Phase 1 screening recommended
- Project in FEMA Flood Plain
- Project within NDDDB Area
- Section 7 review per Wild & Scenic Rivers act
- ROW Impacts- 2 properties
 - 1541 Farmington Avenue
 - Vacant storage land on New Britain Avenue



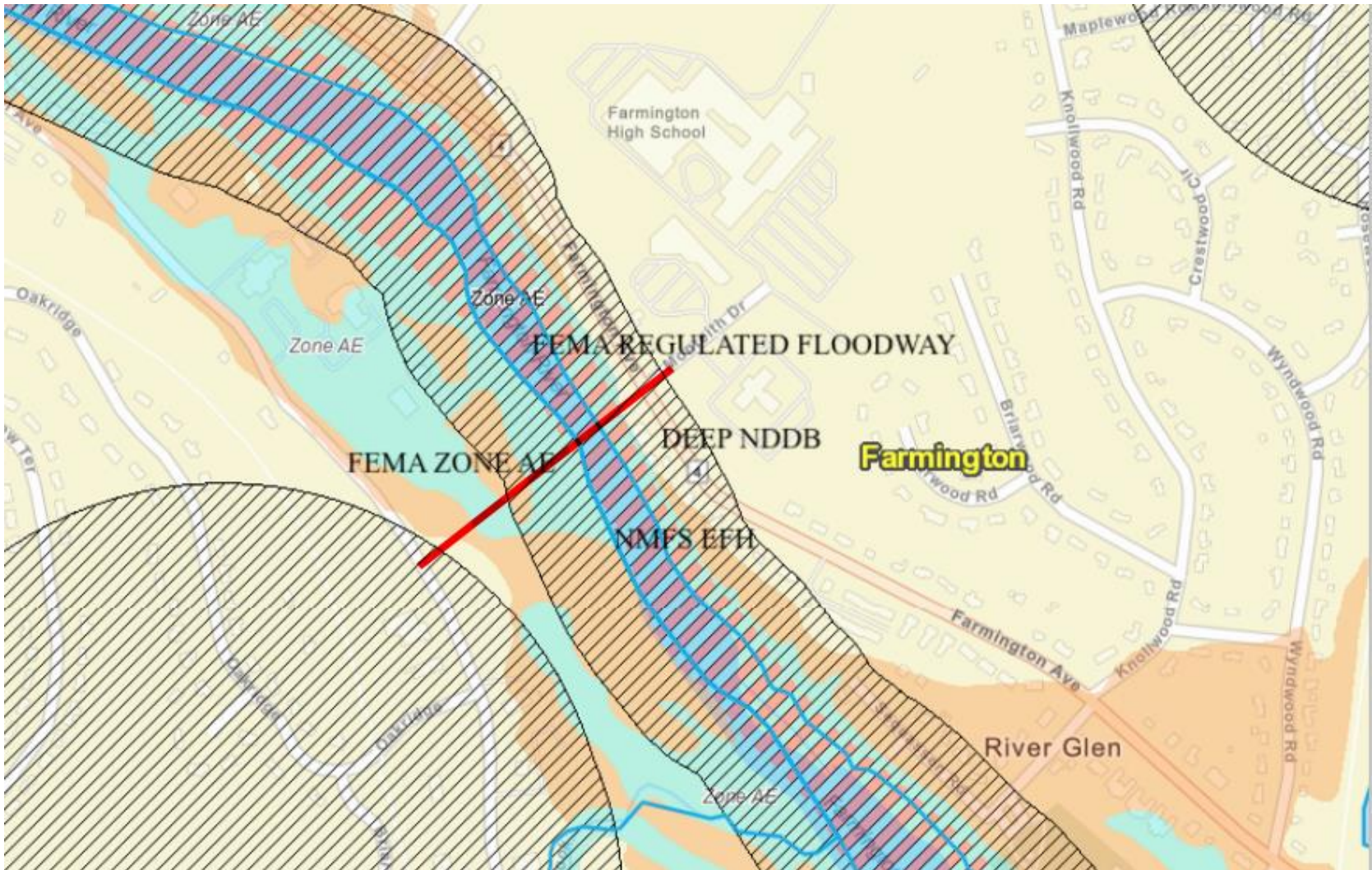


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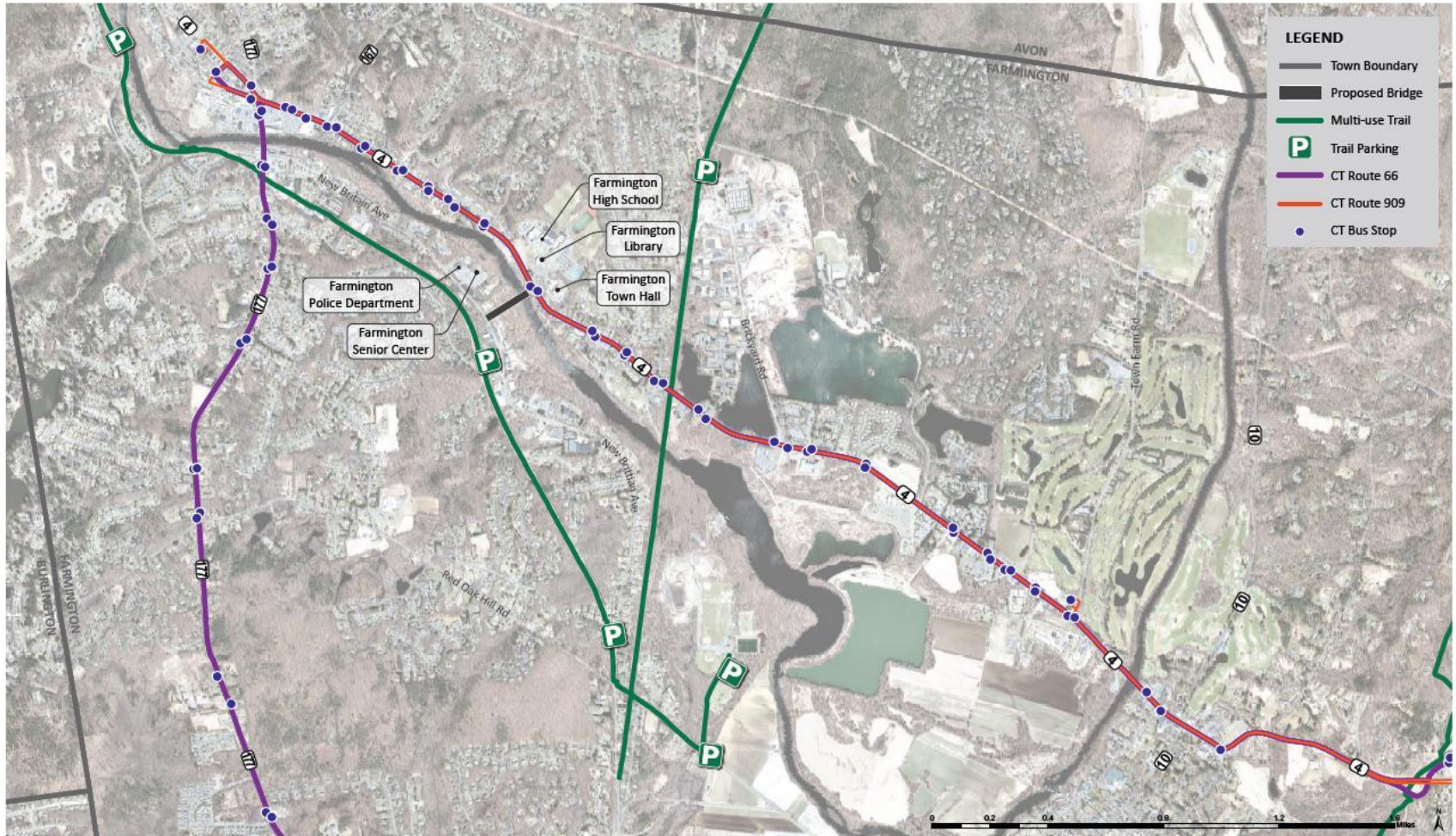
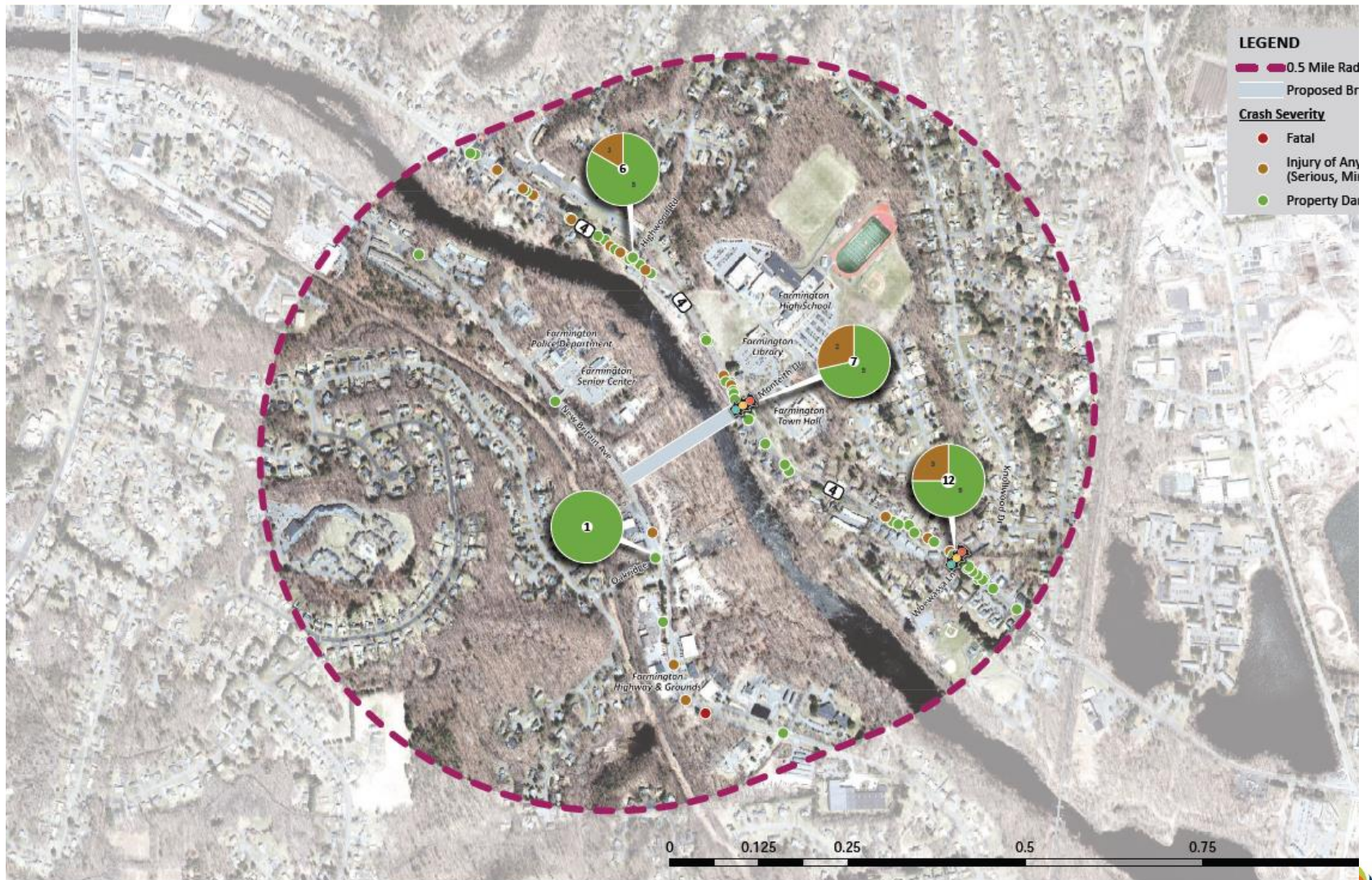
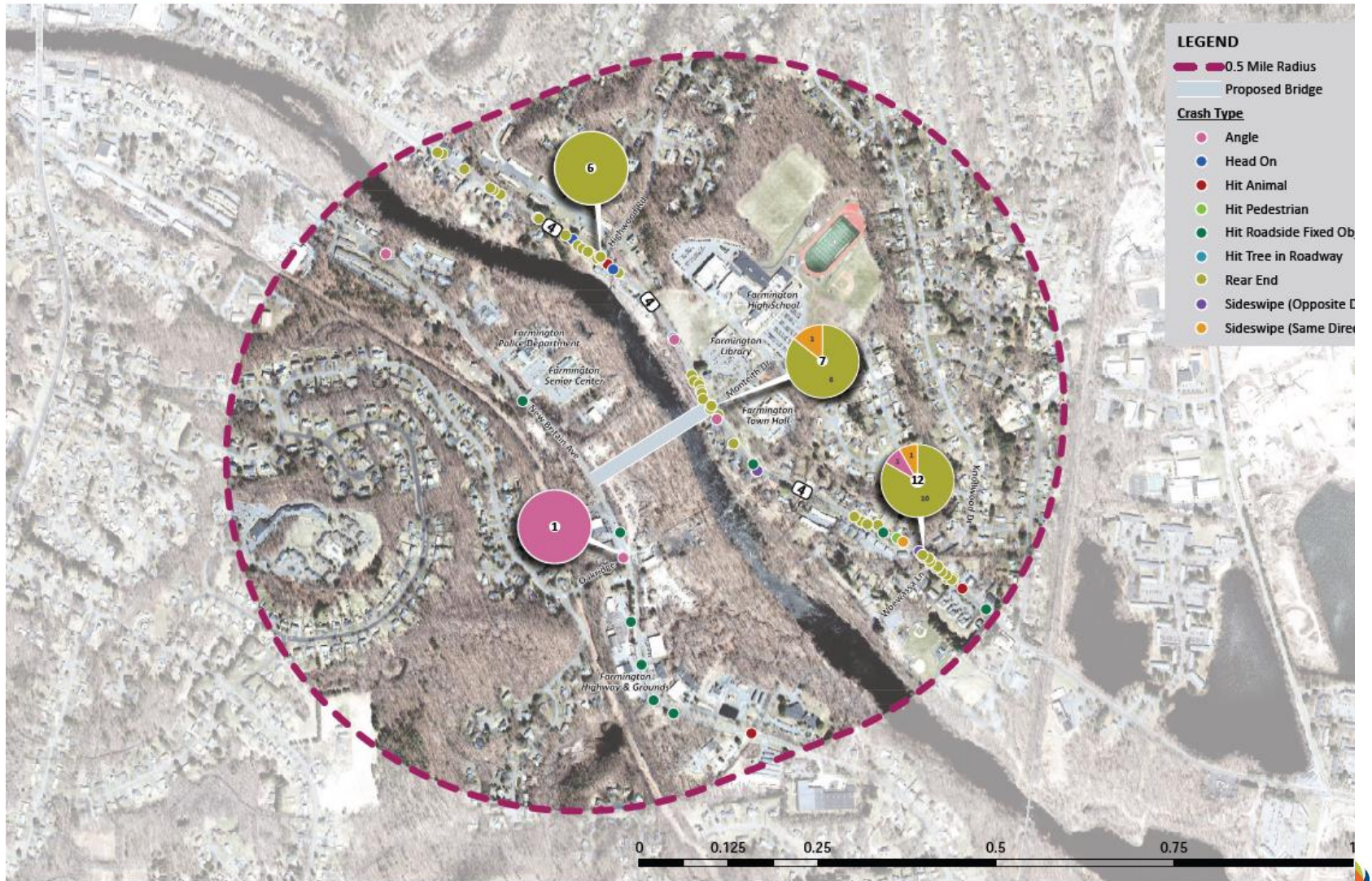
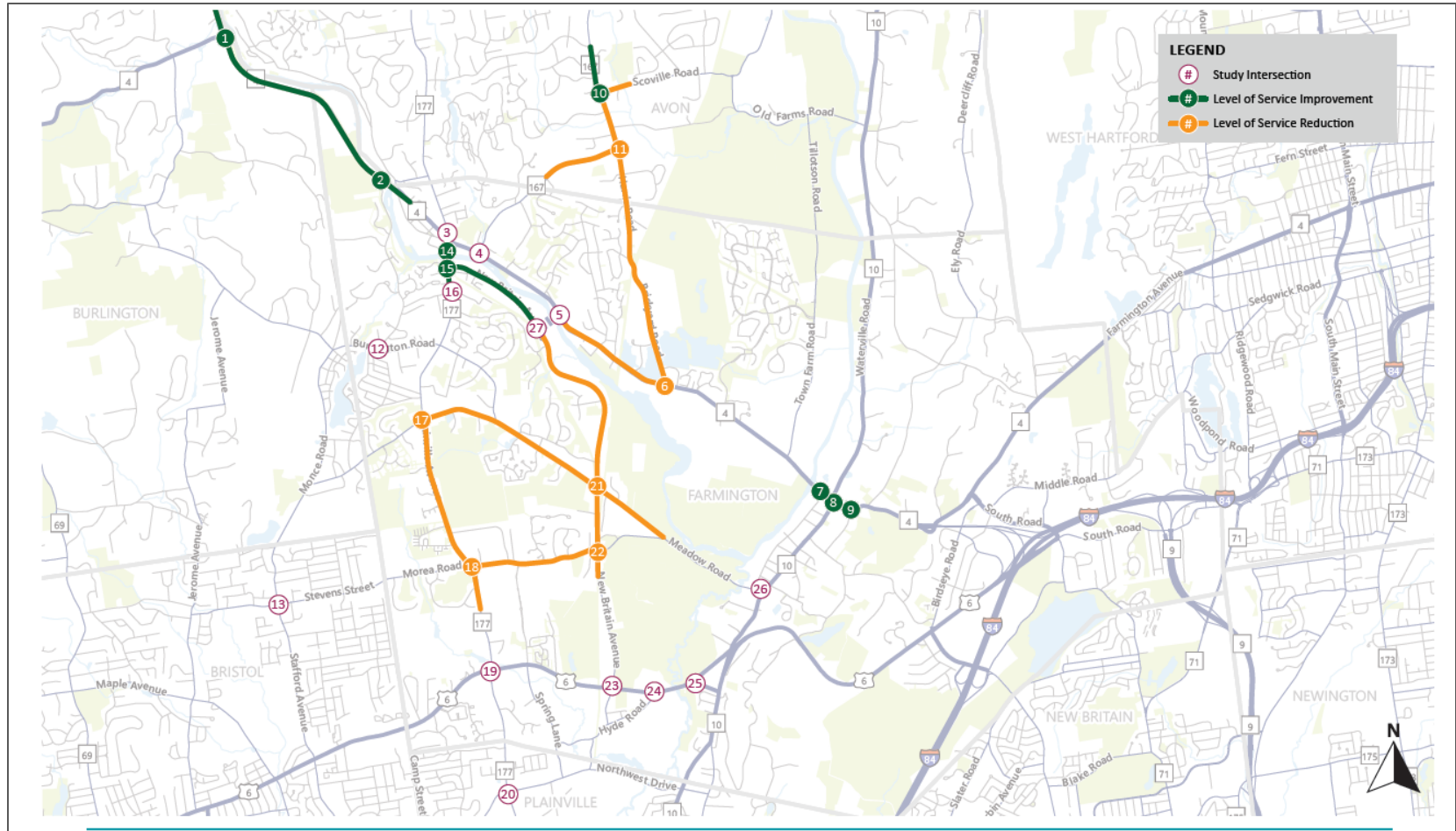


Figure 6 - Crash Severity Collisions Within ½ Mile of Proposed Bridge





TRAFFIC ANALYSIS – SCENARIO 1 & 2 COMPARISON



TRAFFIC ANALYSIS – SCENARIO 3 & 4 COMPARISON

